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S. 4030

To amend the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 to establish
a community-supported agriculture promotion program.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 15, 2010

Mr. SANDERS introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred
to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

A BILL

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to establish a community-supported agriculture pro-
motion program.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. COMMUNITY-SUPPORTED AGRICULTURE PRO-**
4 **MOTION PROGRAM.**

5 Subtitle A of title X of the Food, Conservation, and
6 Energy Act of 2008 (122 Stat. 2097; Public Law 110–
7 246) is amended by adding at the end the following:

8 **“SEC. 10110. COMMUNITY-SUPPORTED AGRICULTURE PRO-**
9 **MOTION PROGRAM.**

10 **“(a) DEFINITIONS.—**In this section:

1 “(1) CSA.—The term ‘CSA’ means a farm op-
 2 erated in a manner consistent with community-sup-
 3 ported agriculture, as defined by the Secretary.

4 “(2) LOW-INCOME AREA.—The term ‘low-in-
 5 come area’ means a low-income area, as defined by
 6 the Secretary.

7 “(3) PROGRAM.—The term ‘Program’ means
 8 the Community-Supported Agriculture Promotion
 9 Program established under subsection (b).

10 “(b) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall carry
 11 out a program, to be known as the ‘Community-Supported
 12 Agriculture Promotion Program’, to promote community-
 13 supported agriculture.

14 “(c) PROGRAM PURPOSES.—The purposes of the Pro-
 15 gram are—

16 “(1) to increase domestic consumption of agri-
 17 cultural commodities by improving and expanding,
 18 or assisting in improvement or expansion of, domes-
 19 tic community-supported agriculture programs;

20 “(2) to develop, or aid in the development of,
 21 new community-supported agriculture programs;

22 “(3) to promote, or aid in the promotion or de-
 23 velopment of, new or existing community-supported
 24 agriculture programs by—

1 “(A) facilitating the formation of multi-
 2 farm CSAs to increase variety available to
 3 members of the CSAs and to allow agricultural
 4 producers to concentrate on the production of
 5 fewer crops;

6 “(B) assisting with the development of in-
 7 novative delivery and distribution programs to
 8 increase the desirability and ease of partici-
 9 pating in community-supported agriculture;

10 “(C) assisting with promotion of commu-
 11 nity-supported agriculture through workplace
 12 wellness initiatives or as a part of employee
 13 benefit packages; and

14 “(D) assisting individual CSAs or groups
 15 of CSAs with marketing, outreach, crop devel-
 16 opment, or other business-related matters; and

17 “(4) to increase participation in CSA in low-in-
 18 come areas or food deserts, as defined by the Sec-
 19 retary.

20 “(d) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—An entity shall be eligible
 21 to receive a grant under the Program if the entity is—

22 “(1) a nonprofit corporation;

23 “(2) an agricultural cooperative or producer
 24 network or association;

25 “(3) a local government;

1 “(4) a public benefit corporation; or

2 “(5) such other entity as the Secretary may
3 designate.

4 “(e) CRITERIA AND GUIDELINES.—The Secretary
5 shall establish criteria and guidelines for the submission,
6 evaluation, and funding of proposed projects under the
7 Program.

8 “(f) FUNDING.—

9 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Of the funds of the Com-
10 modity Credit Corporation, the Secretary shall use
11 to carry out this section—

12 “(A) \$10,000,000 for fiscal year 2011;

13 “(B) \$15,000,000 for each of fiscal years
14 2012 through 2013; and

15 “(C) \$20,000,000 for each of fiscal years
16 2014 through 2016.

17 “(2) USE OF FUNDS.—

18 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Not less than 50 per-
19 cent of the funds made available under para-
20 graph (1) to carry out this section during a fis-
21 cal year shall be used to support the purposes
22 described in subsection (c) through nonprofit
23 organizations that are specifically dedicated to
24 promoting local or organic agriculture.

1 “(B) LIMITATION.—Funds made available
2 under subparagraph (A) may not be used to
3 pay—

4 “(i) the administrative cost of car-
5 rying out any project; and

6 “(ii) the cost of the construction of
7 any structure or the purchase of capital
8 equipment of any kind.

9 “(3) INTERDEPARTMENTAL COORDINATION.—
10 In carrying out this subsection, the Secretary shall
11 ensure, to the maximum extent practicable, coordi-
12 nation between the applicable agencies.”.

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